GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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WORLD HERITAGE STATUS TO INDIAN CULTURAL SITES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of the eleven proposal of Indian Cultural or Natural sites submitted to UNESCO none has been included in the world Heritage list;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore (

(c) whether the Governrnent have received any formal information from UNESCO regarding short-comings in the nomination sent by India; and (

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) As the UNESCO are in the process of revising the schedule for examining nominations for World Heritage Sites, the consideration of submitted proposal has been deferred. In the meantime the World Heritage Bureau of UNESCO has advised reformation of the proposals in a revised format. Preparatory assistance from the UNESCO is forthcoming for the purpose.